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TAGS: PFOR, MX, CI

SUBJECT: ECHEVERRIA'S SPEECH TO CHILEAN COMMISSION

REF: MEXICO 1480

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

1. YOU SHOULD SEEK THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT WITH RABASA TO PROTEST ECHEVERRIA'S OUTRAGEOUS ATTACK ON THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. YOU SHOULD DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING IN MAKING YOUR ORAL PRESENTATION.

2. WE HAVE NOTED WITH CONSTERNATION PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S HARSH AND UNFOUNDED ATTACK ON THE ROLE OF THE UNITED STATES IN CHILE. THE PRESIDENT IS SURELY AWARE OF THE NUMEROUS AND CATEGORICAL STATEMENTS BY THE USG THAT IT WAS NOT INVOLVED IN THE OVERTHROW OF ALLENDE. WE ARE UNABLE TO UNDERSTAND WHY HE CHOOSES TO IGNORE THESE STATEMENTS AND TO GIVE CREDENCE TO THE FALSE ALLEGATIONS OF THOSE WHO WISH TO DISTORT HISTORY FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES.

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3. THE USG RECOGNIZES THAT DEEPLY-FELT CONVICTIONS HAVE

DETERMINED THE POSITION OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE GOM ON THE CHILEAN ISSUE. HOWEVER, WE FIND NO JUSTIFICATION FOR EXTENDING THAT POSITION TO INCLUDE MEXICAN PARTICIPATION IN A CAMPAIGN OF SLANDER AGAINST THIS GOVERNMENT.

4. IT WILL BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO US TO NOTE WHETHER THIS SO-CALLED COMMISSION INTENDS TO EXAMINE THE REALITIES OF THE CHILEAN SITUATION OR, IN FACT, IS MORE INTERESTED IN MOUNTING AN ANTI-US PROPAGANDA BARRAGE.

5. WE DO, IN ANY CASE, DEEPLY REGRET PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S STATEMENTS. THEY MUST MAKE OUR COMMON OBJECTIVE OF CLOSE AND CONSTRUCTIVE RELATIONS MORE DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE. KISSINGER

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